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Dear Dr. Stevens:

On behalf of the Agency, this is in response to Colonel Fabian's letter of 22 July 1985 to multiple addressees requesting validation of the curriculum for the National Senior Intelligence Program (NSIP). Enclosed you will find my completed questionnaire.

Our records show that the Agency has not been a vigorous subscriber to the NSIP. Generally, I attribute this to availability of similar or identical training within the CIA. I believe the adjustments to your curriculum along the lines implied in the review of the NSIP might result in increased Agency interest. I would appreciate it if you would send me a copy of your proposed new course so that I might consult within the Agency to determine if there is interest in CIA attending the NSIP.

Sincerely,

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SUBJECT: National Senior Intelligence Program

Reference: DIA Message, DTG 120457Z Jul 85, subject as above.

1. The National Senior Intelligence Program (NSIP), which had been an eight week program in recent years, was reduced to two weeks for its 1985 offering. In order to assess its validity as a senior program, the length and content of NSIP are now under review. The Defense Intelligence College announced by the referenced message that a letter would be sent, along with a questionnaire, inviting your assistance in that review.

2. NSIP is intended to be an executive program addressed to the GS-15/O-6 level. Our impression from preliminary review and from course critiques is that the program should be briefer than the presently scheduled eight weeks. The more senior people are not likely to be spared eight weeks away from their posts. What is more, while even the most senior people can profit from some measure of formal instruction, the program should perhaps also allow opportunity for a thorough exchange of views and problems.

3. Provisional thought suggests something on the order of three weeks for the program. The first two weeks might be devoted to formal instruction and seminars and the third week might be arranged in a much less formal setting so as to present an opportunity for intellectual refreshment, deep and leisurely reflection, and a free and easy exchange among the best minds in the profession.

4. We would greatly appreciate your thoughtful response to the attached, brief questionnaire. Your assistance will help us to plan effectively for the 1986 offerings of NSIP and will provide useful materials for discussion at the next users' conference.

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Colonel, USAF  
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